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Dear Sir:

Applicant has read and considered the Office Action dated August 17, 2004.

In the Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed on the application. Restriction was required between one of two Inventions, namely:

Invention I, claims 1-5, drawn to a housing for a level measurement system; and Invention II, claims 6-12, drawn to a level measurement system.

The Action stated that the inventions were distinct and related as combination and subcombination. The Action stated that the Inventions have acquired a separate status in the art and Restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-5, drawn to a housing for a level measurement system with traverse. Applicant asserts that the claims all relate to a levelmeasurement system and that the claims may be searched and examined together. Applicant hereby requests that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

Respectfully submitted,

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